

# 2020 Nebraska Legislative Session Preview 1/14/2020

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# Agenda

- 2020 Nebraska Legislative Preview
- Board Update Process



## 2020 Nebraska Legislative Preview

#### Nebraska's 106th Legislature

- January 8<sup>th</sup> Legislature convenes at 10 a.m.
- January 13<sup>th</sup> Debate on carry-over legislation begins
- January 21<sup>st</sup> Public hearings begin
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> Last day of bill introduction
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Speaker priority requests
- February 21<sup>st</sup> Deadline for designation of committee and senator priority bills
- February 25<sup>th</sup> Speaker priority bills announced prior to adjournment
- February 27<sup>th</sup> Date to complete committee public hearings on introduced bills
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Full-day debate
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Day 60, sine die



### 2020 Nebraska Legislative Preview

- Themes are similar to last year
- Major themes include:
  - Property taxes
  - Tax incentives
  - Workforce development
  - Flood recovery
  - Corrections
- Legislation from 2019 known as "hold over legislation" has the ability to move forward in this session



### 2020 Nebraska Legislative Preview

- Likely topics related to OPPD and our industry:
  - Data privacy
  - Economic development taxes and workforce
  - Decarbonization Study/Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)
  - Broadband
  - Home Owners Association (HOA) governance
  - Linda's law Medical shutoffs
  - LB218 fix for rural electric cooperatives
  - Governance for MEAN/NMPP
  - Non-traditional fuels
  - Electric vehicles
  - Net metering
  - Others that will arise



## **Legislative Policy Review**

#### OPPD Legislative Outreach

- Manage needs throughout year; meet with internal stakeholders to identify potential needs
- Meet with senators, legislative aides and community leaders



#### Legislation Review

- Government Relations team review with subject matter experts (SME)
- Review correlation with Strategic Directives and Board Linkages
- Enter bill into OPPD bill tracker
- Develop a legislative brief for major topics



#### Senior Management & Board Alignment

- Ensure alignment on positions
- Strategy and action plan development
- Prepare for upcoming actions



#### **Updates**

- Update Public Information Committee
- Directors update
- Time sensitive updates to SMT and board on emerging issues/positions



### **Board Update Process**

- Monthly update to Public Information Committee during state session
  - Focus on providing review of legislative issues
- Monthly updates at Board Committee Meeting
  - Review legislative bill and regulatory highlights
- Weekly Directors Update
  - Includes bill tracking document with updates highlighted
- Time-sensitive updates sent to board on emerging issues/positions

